been prepared and are being implemented. Similar Action Plans have been prepared for the cities of Chennai and Kolkata.

(vii) A network of Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (290) has been set up throughout the country.

(viii) Emission standards for industries have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to check pollution.

(ix) Industries are also required to install necessary pollution control equipment before commissioning of their plants.

(x) Industries are required to take consents from the respective State Pollution Control Boards under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

Time bound Action Plans were drawn up and implemented specially for improving fuel quality, phasing out leaded petrol, reduction of benzene in petrol and notifying stricter emission norms.

UGC grants to Karnataka

*192. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UGC has announced reduction in amount of grants for Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, no such reduction has been announced.

(b) Does not arise.

Agricultural development in Tamil Nadu

*193. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance given by Government for starting various agricultural development works in Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(b) what are the project-wise details thereof alongwith the projects started by the State Government; and

(c) how many projects are in final stage of completion?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The details of financial assistance provided to the Government of Tamil Nadu by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation under various Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the development of agriculture during the last three years are as follows:—

Year	Amount (Rs. Crore)
1998-99	64.85
1999-2000	63.11
2000-2001	60.80

(b) and (c) The details of major Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes under implementation for the development of agriculture in Tamil Nadu are as follows:—

(1) Macro Management Scheme.
(2) Technology Mission on Cotton.
(3) Oilseed Production Programme.
(4) National Pulses Development Project.
(5) Accelerated Maize Development Programme.
(6) Oil Palm Development Programme.
(7) Investment in Debentures of Land Development Banks.
(8) Share Capital Participation in Cooperative Sugar Mills.
(9) Share Capital Participation in Spinning Mills.
(10) Timely Reporting Scheme.
(11) Crop Estimation Survey on fruits vegetables and minor crops.
(12) Improvement of crop statistics.
(13) Livestock Census.
(14) Agriculture Census.

These are continuing Schemes which cover a variety of activities for development of agriculture in the State. It is, therefore, not possible

to indicate Project-wise status of the Schemes.

Hunting of Whale Shark

*194. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Whale Shark, the largest fish, is being hunted with impunity as Government are yet to issue the necessary notifications; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The matter of exploitation of Whale Shark for purpose of export was brought to the notice of Government of India following which Whale Shark has been included in Scheduled I of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 *vide* notification No. 1-2/2001. WL-I dated 28.5.2001.

A meeting was recently organized at Sasan in Gujarat with the representatives of fishermen community, State Fisheries Department of Gujarat and State Wildlife Wing of Gujarat for enforcing the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 effectively and ensuring effective protection of Whale Shark. The cooperation of Coast Guard has also been sought in this regard. Since the Whale Shark meat and fins are collected mainly for export purposes, action has been initiated for bringing this species in the negative list of export.

Unutilized funds of Railway PSUs

*195. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various PSUs under the Ministry of Railways have generated huge funds through various measures;